UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL,

Plaintiff,

-against-

XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE INC. AND XLCA ADMIN LLC, AS TRUSTEE FOR PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 138, PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 153, PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 164, PORTFOLIO CDS 165, PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 170, PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 172 AND PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 186,

Defendants.

XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE INC. AND XLCA ADMIN LLC, AS TRUSTEE FOR PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 138, PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 153, PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 164, PORTFOLIO CDS 165, PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 170, PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 172 AND PORTFOLIO CDS TRUST 186

Counterclaimants,

-against-

MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL AND MERRILL LYNCH & CO.,

Counterclaim Defendants.

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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

To the Clerk of this Court and all parties of record:

Please enter my appearance as counsel in this case for XL Capital Assurance, *et al.*, Defendants/Counterclaimants.

I certify that I am admitted to practice in this Court.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Brendan N. Snodgrass, hereby certify that on the 1st day of April, 2008, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document upon the following, via the ECF filing system:

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